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Streams Targeted for Flood Protection Maintenance

Agency Work Crews Targeting 31 Streams in Sonoma County

Santa Rosa, CA – The Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) has begun clean-up and maintenance work on streams in order to improve flood protection in communities throughout Sonoma County. Due to the severity of the 2005 New Year's Eve flooding, the Agency will be targeting 31 streams and removing vegetation from 51 stream reaches that are clogging stream flows, resulting in reduced flood protection. The maintenance work is part of the Agency's 2006 Summer Stream Maintenance Program.

"The floods of 2005 proved that effective and efficient stream maintenance is necessary to provide flood protection," said Ron Benkert, Agency coordinator. "By reducing vegetation that inhibits stream flow, it is our goal to maximize flood protection this year."

The goal of the maintenance work is to form and promote the development of shaded riparian canopies with alders and other trees that grow tall and stretch their branches over the creek, cooling the water and shading out bushes, brush and less desirable species of trees that reduce the water-carrying capacity of the creek.

A list of streams the Agency will be targeting for maintenance this summer is included below. Property owners living near a stream on the list will see Agency work crews along with maintenance equipment, such as trucks used for hauling debris away from the streams.

Summer is the only allowable time for performing stream maintenance. Agency work crews can't start work until the stream maintenance sites are free of nesting birds. The Agency is working diligently to complete its scheduled maintenance by mid-October; before the rainy season begins.

The Agency performs maintenance on more than 80 miles of improved flood protection channels countywide. Each year, the Agency performs an assessment, including flow models, and compares each site's estimated water-carrying capacity against its design capacity. Based on the results, the Agency prioritizes streams each summer for maintenance.

The Agency is in the process of contacting city officials where stream maintenance will be taking place. In addition, the Agency urges members of the public to keep clear of maintenance activities and equipment as a safety precaution.

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Below is a list of stream reaches the Sonoma County Water Agency will be maintaining this summer:

Petaluma Streams	General Maintenance Location	Rohnert Park/ Cotati Streams	General Maintenance Location
Capri	Ely Rd. to McDowell Blvd.	Copeland	Eastern City limit to Snyder Lane
Capri	Hwy. 101 to Petaluma River	Copeland	Seedfarm to Commerce
Corona Tribs	McDowell Blvd to Hwy. 101	Hinebaugh	Snyder to confluence with Five Creek
East Washington	Airport to Garfield Dr.	Hinebaugh	Hwy 101 to confluence of Laguna de Santa Rosa
East Washington	Maria Dr. to Washington Creek	Five	Snyder Drive to confluence of Hinebaugh Creek
Washington	S. McDowell Blvd. to Hwy 101	Laguna de Santa Rosa	Copeland Creek to Rohnert Park Expressway
Washington	Hwy 101 to Madison St.	Laguna De Santa Rosa	Redwood Dr. to Copeland Creek confluence
Washington	Madison St. to Petaluma River	Wilfred	Start of creek to Santa Rosa Ave.
Willowbrook	Petaluma Hill Rd. to Hwy 101	Wilfred Extension	Start of creek to Wilfred Channel
		Coleman	Snyder Ln. to Hillview Dr.
Santa Rosa Streams	General Maintenance Location	Cotati	Old Redwood Hwy. to W. Cotati Ave.
Austin	Start to Middle Rincon Rd.	Gossage-Washoe	Hwy 116 to Stony Pt. Rd.
Brush	Montecito to Hwy 12	Gossage Washoe	Stony Pt. Rd. to Laguna de Santa Rosa
Coffey	Piner Rd. to Piner Creek		
Colgan	Todd Rd. to cattle crossing	Windsor Streams	General Maintenance Location
Colgan	Hearn Ave. to Victoria	Airport	Skylane Blvd. to End of Agency channel
College	Start to Marlow Rd.	Starr	Windsor River Rd. to Windsor Ave.
College	Marlow Rd. to College Ave.	Windsor	Downstream of Windsor Rd.
College	College Ave. to Santa Rosa Creek		
Ducker	Middle Rincon Rd. to Rinconada Rd.	Sonoma Streams	General Maintenance Location
Ducker	Rinconada Rd. to Austin Creek	Fryer	Upstream end to W. MacArthur Blvd.
Paulin	Hardies Rd. to Coffey Ln.	Lawndale	From Hwy 12
Paulin	Coffey Ln. to West Steele Ln.	Nathanson	E. MacArthur Blvd.
Paulin	West Steele Ln. to Marlow Rd.	Sonoma	Lawndale Rd.
Piner	Airway Dr. to Hopper Ave.		
Piner	RR tracks to Marlow Rd.	Guerneville Streams	General Maintenance Location
Piner	Marlow Rd. to Guerneville Rd.	Fife	Start of maintenance to River Rd.
Santa Rosa	Pearson St. to Stony Pt. Rd.		
Santa Rosa	Stony Pt. to Fulton Rd.		
Santa Rosa	Fulton Rd to Willowside Rd.		
Sierra Park	Hoen Ave. to Siskiyou Ave.		
Steele	Ridley Ave. to Marlow Rd.		
Steele	Marlow Rd to Piner Rd.		

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